GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:609
ANSWERED ON:05.12.2003
COMPLAINT AGAINST I.T. OFFICIALS
ASHOK KUMAR SINGH CHANDEL

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether investigation into the complaints received in the year 2003 against the officers of the rank of Chief Commissioner and Commissioner of the Income Tax Department has beencompleted as per the reply given to the Unstarred Question No. 4000 dated August 22, 2003;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK):

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In two cases pertaining to CCIT and eight cases of CIT the complaintshave been closed after inquiry. In two cases of Commissioners disciplinary proceedings have been initiated. In two cases of CCIT and nine cases of Commissioners of Income Tax the investigations are going on and action as deemed necessary shall be taken after receipt of investigation reports.

(c) The complaints have to be looked into with reference to assessment records etc., which requires perusal at various places located in the country. Since the functions of the CCIT and CIT involve quasi-judicial functions, investigations require deep scrutinyand fair conclusion. This involves time. After an opinion is formed the matter is referred to CVC for their statutory advice.